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S.C.FALCO ET AL.

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FOR: PLANT PROTEINASES

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004.
Reconsideration is respectfully requested and the following submitted in support thereof.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks/Response begin on page 12 of this paper.

Appendix A is attached to this paper.

Substitute declaration filed herewith.